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Mr. Robert Pender
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Dear Mr. Pender:

EPA has reviewed the "Basewide Polychlorinated Biphenyl Confirmation Sampling Summary Report-Investigation Area, A-1" for Mare Island. Please incorporate the following comments in a report revision. It is recommended that revision be completed only for parcels which are addressed in comments. If you have any questions regarding these comments, I can be reached at (415)744-2368.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Bonnie Arthur", is written over a horizontal line.

Bonnie Arthur
Remedial Project Manager

cc: Mr. Chip Gribble, DTSC
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EPA COMMENTS ON THE INVESTIGATION AREA, A-1
PCB CONFIRMATION SAMPLING SUMMARY REPORT
FOR MARE ISLAND

- I. EPA has finished review of the PCB Confirmation Sampling Summary Report for Investigation Area A-1. We agree with the Navy's proposed recommended actions with three exceptions. EPA recommends that the Navy conduct additional abatement efforts at the following three parcels which have PCB concentrations above 1 mg/kg: Parcel 01-A (3 locations with concentrations of 2 mg/kg; 1 inside the building, 2 outside the building), ✓Parcel 01-C (1 location with a concentration of 8 mg/kg, outside the building), and Parcel ✓01-K (1 location with a concentration of 2 mg/kg, outside the building).

- II. Parcel 01-K; At the location of the transformer substation, inside and adjacent to the east wall of Building 571, there is a major difference between data results from the SSPTS and Tetra Tech sampling efforts. Please reevaluate this data; additional samples are recommended in this area. SSPTS data: Locations J (4.3 mg/kg), K (1,010 mg/kg) and L (1.6 mg/kg). Tetra Tech data: PCB Assessment Location 01, 2 concrete samples; PC0261 (1 mg/kg) and PC0262 (.05 mg/kg).